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SUBJECT: UN BUDGET - FUNDING OF UNRWA

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1. WE HAVE REVIEWED SUGGESTION CONTAINED MISSION REFTEL IN LIGHT BEIRUT REFTEL. ON BALANCE WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE IMPLICATIONS OF TRANSFER GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE POSITION OF UNRWA BUDGET TO UN REGULAR BUDGET OUTWEIGH DEGREE OF FINANCIAL RELIEF TO BE OBTAINED. WE ARE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED BY DANGER THAT IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTORS WILL REACT TO PARTIAL ASSURED FUNDING BY REDUCING OR STOPPING THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS. FURTHERMORE, WE DO NOT WANT GIVE ARABS OPPORTUNITY USE TRANSFER OF SMALL PORTION OF UNRWA BUDGET TO ASSURED FUNDING TO OBSCURE THEIR SHARE OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR UNRWA'S FINANCIAL PLIGHT.

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2. WE AGREE WITH SUGGESTION REFTELS THAT WE SHOULD LEAVE
IT TO SOVS AND OTHERS TO PROMOTE OPPOSITION TO TRANSFER
PROPOSAL. IF ASKED, USDEL SHOULD SAY THAT IN PRINCIPLE
WE FAVOR ANY EFFORT THAT COULD GIVE FINANCIAL RELIEF TO
UNRWA,BUT THAT WE DO NOT SEE MUCH ADVANTAGE IN THIS
PROPOSAL. INGERSOLL

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